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Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—"In this connexion I wish to put a question to the hon. the Development Minister."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member is advised to put a separate question."

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—"About the possibilities to be investigated by the hon. the Development Minister."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The present question is addressed to the hon. the Revenue Member. The hon. Member must put a fresh question to the hon. the Development Minister."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I am sorry I was not here in time owing to some unforeseen circumstances. In such cases my hon. Colleagues may be permitted to answer the questions. It is a well-known practice of the House of Commons."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"As to that well-known practice, I am quite certain that any Member of the Treasury Benches who wants to answer on behalf of another Member prefaces the answer by saying 'I have been asked to answer'. There is no single instance when those words are not prefaced."

* Q. 761—Please see page 319 supra—Further Supplementary questions.

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With reference to the answer to clause (e) of the question, may I ask what, according to the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government, are the qualifications necessary for holding the post of the Commissioner of the City of Madras if it is not lengthy experience of district administration?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"District administration is not the only administrative experience that officers of the Government get."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I ask what other administrative experience has the Commissioner of the Corporation got?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"He has been a Settlement Officer. It requires much administrative talent."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know whether to fight in the Council is one of the qualifications, in the opinion of the Government, for making him Commissioner?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I did not say anything about his fighting in the Council. Evidently, my hon. Friend knows more about it than I do."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Insulting the President is another qualification?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I am not aware of his having insulted the President."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"I should like to know from the hon. the Minister what was the necessity for the Commissioner of the Corporation to cut off the house service connexions and make the rate-payers go to the street taps."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Because water in the Red Hills Tank had come down to a much lower level than it has done in any previous year."

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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I should like to know who was responsible for this shortage." 11-30 a.m.

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think anybody particularly was responsible. I think nature was responsible for it."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I should like to know, Sir, whether the executive took precautionary measures against that natural defect ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I believe they did, Sir."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know, Sir, if that was done, why there was shortage of water-supply to the city ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said before, Sir, it was due to natural causes."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" If it was due to natural causes, Mr. Boag, a previous Commissioner, managed to get over the difficulty beautifully without any suffering to the rate-payers."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am glad of the compliment paid to Mr. Boag."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I do not believe in compliments, but only in criticism. We want facilities for the rate-payers. The rated supply to the city is 25 gallons per head per day and this is a famine year."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is requested to put the supplemental question."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, whether the executive had exceeded the rated supply, especially in this famine year, and supplied $34\frac{1}{2}$ gallons per head per day when the rated supply is only 25 gallons per head per day ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member brought it to my notice only this morning by handing to me this bulky volume of the administration report."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" If the executive had taken the proper precautions to conserve the daily supply of water early in January as the previous officers had done under similar crises, there would have been no necessity for pumping or extra expenditure, and the epidemic of cholera could have been avoided. I should like to know whether Government are aware of all these facts, and do they still persist in maintaining that the present executive are efficient men to continue to be in charge of the Corporation ? "

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" In view of this extravagant answer, Sir, may I ask the hon. Minister what are the materials on which he bases the extraordinary claims of this Commissioner when he says that he took all precautions ? May I have some of the precautions detailed to us ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not concerned with my hon. Friend's superlatives. He seems to be so free with them. But what I meant was that the Commissioner took all possible precautions."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am yet to receive an answer to my question, Sir. He may not be concerned with my superlatives. I will not learn English from the hon. the Minister for Education. I am asking him to state what are the grounds for his opinions that the Commissioner took all possible

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precautions which human nature could have taken. May I know whether he knows any of those precautions, what are the records on which he bases his opinion, and why he is returning brick for brick, and saying 'because you say so, I will also say so?'"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice of this question, Sir."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is the hon. Minister aware, Sir, that the lowest level of the lake was in March last and that a large quantity of water was needed for supply to the city ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, Sir, my hon. Friend handed to me this bulky volume only this morning and I have had no time to digest it yet."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I should like to know, Sir, whether the hon. the Minister is aware that the Commissioner brought in a proposal for fitting street pipes with rotatory pumps with the intention of getting water from empty mains ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of that."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Chief Minister what precautions were taken ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have already stated that I want notice of that question."

Education

Instruction given at each of the Engineering schools at Vizagapatam and Trichinopoly.

* 762 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the nature of instruction given at each of the Engineering Schools located at Vizagapatam and Trichinopoly ;

(b) the period for which students should undergo training ;

(c) the qualifications required of those seeking admission ;

(d) the number of students in each school ;

(e) whether the students are paid anything for the work done by them ;

(f) the special work for which these students are fitted up ;

(g) what the prospects of these students are after completing their training ; and

(h) whether the Government propose to improve or supplement these schools ?

4.—(a), (b) & (c) The schools contain lower and probationary subordinate classes. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rules 23, 24, 27, 40 and 41 of the rules in G.O. No. 1604, Law (Education), dated 12th November 1923, which has been placed on the Editors' Table, as regards the courses of study, the period of training and qualifications for admission to these classes.

(d) Eighty-eight and 115 respectively.

(e) The answer is in the negative.